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In re Application of :  
Thomas E. Broome et al :  
Application No. 09/723,003 : **ON PETITION**  
Filed: November 27, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. 1001.1350102 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.314, filed October 3, 2005, to defer issuance of the instant application into a patent.

The petition is granted.


In the absence of an extraordinary circumstance, it has been the policy of the Office to defer issuance of a patent, upon request, for a period of up to one month only. Note MPEP 1306.01. Accordingly, since the deferral period has now passed, the application will be returned to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

If an additional deferral period is required, another petition and fee should be promptly submitted. The petition must include a showing of extraordinary circumstances; MPEP 1306.01.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218. Any questions concerning the issuance of this application into a patent should be directed to Customer Services at (571) 272-4200.

This application is being forwarded to Publishing Division.

  
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